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Maroons Look Over Names of Ancestor-Alumni

Dr. Smiley Blanton Invited to Alumni Day

*Plans for Academy Alumni Day Rolling Toward May 11 Climax*

Plans for the first alumni meet in modern Academy history are rolling to a May 11 climax, when the Ladies' Auxiliary and the student body will be joint sponsors at an informal barbecue supper for M.B.A. graduates.

These alumni will meet at 7 o'clock that night to discuss the possibility of forming a Maroon Alumni Association.

A great amount of name and address checking by the Ladies' Auxiliary has made this get-together possible.

During the five-hour program, the alumni will be greeted by the students and registered in the Honor Room. Plates with name and senior year will be given each grad.

After visiting the classrooms the alumni may watch the baseball game being planned by Coach Allen or the tennis or tennis matches scheduled for the day.

Later in the day these graduates will meet on the terrace to discuss old times at the Academy and to enjoy the barbecue supper.

Library Researcher and Mr. Henry Shookham will be the oldest known graduate. He attended M.B.A. from 1867 to 1870. Some of the older graduates are Mr. C. H. Scott of '79, and Mr. Alfred King of '95.

A surprising fact is that the Academy also has a woman alumna. This is Mrs. Virginia Johns, attending the Academy's primary department with her two brothers from 1881 to 1883.

Maroon Annual Nears Publication Date

The 1950 Bell is ready to roll off the presses now that annual staffers have finished their yearly work.

With Editor Jim Henley heading operations and Business Manager Marion Smith handling the business department this annual should be a success.

The first Academy yearbook took shape in 1945 under the direction of Editor Gene Harris.

In 1944 an article called the Maroon and White was written.

The Bell itself appeared for the first time the following year.

It took some last minute efforts by the staff and some hard work on the part of Marion Smith to meet this year's stretched deadline, just as usual staff members pride themselves.

The Bell should be ready for distribution by commencement.

Possible ratings ran "Good,"

*Carpenter Heads Tennessee-Kentucky Kev Club District**Junior Class President Takes Top Club Post After Year As Treasurer*

Junior class President Dick Carpenter will head the Tennessee-Kentucky District of Key Club International, it was announced recently at Louisville.

His election came at the annual convention of this Key Club District.

Carpenter, a Key Club member for only two years, held the office of District Treasurer before becoming Governor.

A graduate of Woodmont grammar school, he is president of his sophomore class and a member of the Bell Ringer business group. He is now president of the junior class and assistant Bell Ringer business manager in addition to his Key Club work.

The election climaxed a three-day convention for Academy Key Club members. President H. L. Sager, Club President Lem Stevens and the group included Carpenter and Executive Secretary Jim Henley.

The group left by plane Thursday, March 30, and returned Sunday, April 1.

Several Key Clubbers are planning to attend the national convention in Columbus this week of April. Arrangements are being made to charter a plane to fly Governor Carpenter to this convention.

Dr. Sager Presides At Educators' Meet

Dr. R. L. Sager, Academy headmaster and president of the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools, served as presiding officer at the association's annual meeting in Chattanooga, Thursday, April 20.

At the meeting the organization was host to the Middle Schools Association of the Carolinas, of which Dr. E. C. Taylor, head of The Taylor School, Clayton, Missouri, is president. Dr. Sager presided at all sessions with the exception of a Saturday luncheon when Dr. Taylor served as presiding officer.

Approximately 110 private schools in the southeastern and central states were represented at the meeting. Business sessions and a series of talks on education were features of the convention.

Bell Ringer Takes "Excellent" Award At Tennessee Press Convention

M.B.A.'s Bell Ringer was presented with a certificate of "Excellent rating" at the third annual conference of the Tennessee High School Press Association by University of Tennessee journalism instructor Lee Harris.

The presentation climaxed a two day meeting at the Andrew Jackson Hotel, March 31 and April 1. Bell Ringer editor Dick Cantrell, recipient of the award, led a seven-man M.B.A. delegation to the convention.

Academy representatives included Lewis Wood, managing editor; Togy Jones, feature editor; Gilbert Templeton, assistant business manager; Dick Carpenter, assistant sports editor; Eddie Carney, and columnist Mac Dixon.

The "Excellent" rating trailed only the All-State honors received by Castle Height's Cavalier, Spartan, and Middle College's Gold and Blue, and similar honors awarded to four other schools.

Possible ratings ran "Good,"

Togy Jones To Edit 1950 Bell Ringer

Edgar "Togy" Jones will head the Bell Ringer next year after two years of outstanding service as the Academy newspaper. He was recommended by present editor, Dick Cantrell and O.K.'d by faculty adviser Dr. R. L. Sager and Headmaster R. L. Sager.

Other staff members will be selected at the beginning of the first term next fall.

TOGY JONES
New Bell Ringer head

The appointment as editor clinches two top years in M.B.A. publications for Jones. A junior, he is currently feature editor of the annual and news editor of the Bell Ringer.

In other campus activities he is a member of the Key Club, Honor Council, and was a Maroon cheerleader.

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Saturday morning U.T. Journalism head Willis Tucker conducted a private conference on the Academy.

At the business session the same day Castle Height's Hadley Schaffer was elected president of the Association, succeeding Bill Jones of White High in Memphis. Joe Taylor of Clinton and Barbara White of St. Bernard's for state secretary, while Howard's Leon Rubin was chosen Middle Tennessee vice-president.

Next year's meeting will be held in Knoxville.

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Open Letter To Nashville

April 9, 1950

Since unfortunately it seems that the thoughtless deeds of a few may be taken to represent the character of the majority group, we, the Student Body of MBA, feel it our duty to express our feelings concerning the recent vandalism which has been linked with the School.

We are proud of the tradition and high ideals of MBA, and we do not want them marred by these foolish actions. We are certain that neither the atmosphere, students nor faculty should be blamed any more than perhaps the church guidance of the boys. It is the primary policy of the school to train its boys in the high standards of Christian ideals, and good citizenship, and regard for the prosperity of other persons.

When a few break away from these principles, we, the Student Body, believe that it should not be deemed the fault of MBA alone. Our love for MBA compels us to write this letter in the hope that the public will better understand the feeling of the boys themselves and realize that the school is not entirely to blame.

The Montgomery Bell Academy Student Body.

Our Historic, Heroic, Humorous Past

by John Adams

William Walker, the "Gray-eyed Man of Destiny," was born on May 8, 1824. Graduating at the age of 14 from the University of Nashville, parent school of M. B. A., he decided to study law. After finding that interesting, he decided for and obtained medical degrees. Since medicine too held no interest for this man he went to New Orleans where he became owner and editor of The Daily Crescent. This venture having become unsuccessful he emigrated to California at the age of 26. At 29 he led a band of adventurers into Lower California where he set up a republic. This, too, was short-lived as he was forced to surrender. At the invitation of a rebel fac-

tion he went to Nicaragua where he led a successful revolution and was elected president in July, 1856, at the age of 32.

After the seizure of Cornelius Vanderbilt interests in Nicaragua, an alliance of South American countries who wished to keep the wealth invested in the country forced Walker's abdication and withdrawal to the United States. But after a year in the United States his love of adventure and thirst for power again led him back to Nicaragua where rebellion-weary officials tried him, found him guilty, and shot him on September 12, 1860, when he was 36. In his short life he had been successively a lawyer, a doctor, an editor, a president, a general and a dictator.

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**Personality
of the Month**
by Mack Dixon



INMAN FOX

In the fall of 1944 Inman Fox first set his huge feet upon the well-worn floors of M.B.A., as he faced Mrs. Walker and the routine of the Academy for the first time. Now Little Fox, with his smile and his size 12's, has become as permanently associated with the Hill as the spring house or "Judge".

Inman served as the vice-president of the Hill his first year, and rounded out his M.B.A. career by playing football, basketball, and winning the first Myrtle Warren Trophy.

Entering his freshman year, Inman began his career as football cheerleader, a position which he has filled admirably for the past four seasons.

Continuing his work in tennis, Inman shows promise of great things to come.

In the year '47-'48, Fox started for the Cootic basketball team, his left shoulder making him a favorite with the fans. Fox became a regular on the tennis squad that year, and won the freshman-sophomore division trophy in the annual Intramural tournament.

Inman Fox was born on the varsity basketball squad, exhibiting occasional flashes of brilliance. With the arrival of tennis that spring he really hit his stride. Playing in the number two spot all year, Fox defeated Andy Spickard in the tournament to take the city singles championship. Not content with this, Inman in the winter Inman went on to cop the State junior singles championship.

And this year, his last at M.B.A., Inman began working out for basketball and football at the school. This pre-season conditioning paid off, as the "Little Man" was a leading factor in the winning of the city football championship.

With the coming of spring Inman took to the rubico again, and, at the time of this writing, he has copied eight straight victories without a defeat thus serving notice to future opponents of another great season.

Likes and Dislikes:
Favorite subject: physics
Most hated subject: English
Easiest subject: math
Hobbies: football, tennis
Favorite food: fried chicken
Most hated food: okra
Favorite sport: basketball (tennis a close second)
Favorite comic strip character: L'il Abner
Favorite actress: Ava Gardner

Mrs. Patterson: "Mr. Hackman, this is exactly the same final physics exam you gave last year."
Mr. Hackman: "Don't worry, we've changed the answers."

Bottom O' the Afternoon

Hi! Kids . . . just blew in from L. A. . . . have prepared a few hundred well-chosen words (?) editor . . . didn't we all have a marvy and O.T.W. time at Bob Wilk's Slumber Party . . . Potter looked so cute in his low-cut potato sack . . . Hawkins gets invitation to Girl Scout Dance . . .

says "It says formal, but do we have to wear shoes?" Compromised. Wise . . . subject to an overhead attack. . . . Glenn pleads guilty . . . McDaniels named best looking by Blue Lark.

Billy Watts ran close second . . . Jim (I ran outta overalls, so I'll wear my suit) Murphy says, "Don't laugh at my (ug) clothes . . . I overheard the shield wipers yesterday . . . Randolph still looking for that first hit . . . eloquent courtroom plea by Fly . . . we're gonna save him the price of a ticket . . . Rippy still looking for date . . . dog-sled breaks down . . . Buntle is late to school . . . Ernest (Fixed) can't come before I left home) Rice plans to go into aviation . . . Local hopefuls visit the cave . . . discover cave has room to eat. Rollie addresses . . . Grade School demerit metal goes to Russell Brothers for his fine work this year . . . Charlie McDonald likes that ice cream, too . . . Jim Ray has a few simple suggestions to make for the consideration of the English Department . . . George Smart is going steady with a little Hillsboro cutie.

Patsy C.: "Just think, Billy Bryant tried to put his arm around me four times last night."

Caroline G.: "What an arm!"

Cooper: "Well, I've finally passed chemistry!"

Rippy: "Honestly?"

Cooper: "What difference does it make?"

Glen: "Busy?"

Baum: "No, you busy?"

Glen: "Nope."

Baum: "Then let's go to class."

"Have a drink."

"I beg your pardon. I go to M.R.A."

"Pardon me, here's the bottle."

If all the students who sleep through third period study hall were put end to end, they would be much more comfortable.

Boggar: "Have you got enough money for a cup of java?"

Dixon: "No, but I'll manage somehow, thanks."

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— S P O R T S —



M.R.A.'s top-notch tennis squad poses here before leaving on a three match tour to McCallie, Darlington, and Baylor. Front row, left to right: Co-captains Inman Fox and Fontaine McDaniel, Sambo Harwell, and Jay Johns. Second row: John Floyd Howell, Bobby Hackman, Carey McNeilly, and Bert Madden—Courtesy of the Nashville Tennessean; photo by Eldred Reaney.

Maroon Highlights

by Jim Brent

Although the success of the baseball team as a whole can hardly be termed sensational, at least two members of the squad have shone in each of the games played up till now. Charlie Hawkins, who has started two games and pitched relief in the other, has struck out 27 in 15 innings and now leads the team offensively with a .555 batting average. Jimmy Ray, besides being one of the few starters who hasn't made an error, has poled out two home runs in his ten plate appearances.

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Wonder how many baseball squads boast four first basemen as does MBA's? Carl Gates, John Ackley, Jim Pelletieri, and Claude Jarman have all been used on first in an attempt to find a replacement for Jimmy Morrissey, the flashy first sacker who graduated last spring.

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The youth movement in MBA sports has not only brought a gleam to the eyes of the respective coaches over prospects for the future, but also has been reaping immediate rewards. Some examples: golfer Stanley Seat, a sophomore, sank his final putt against DuPont to decide the match for the Maroons; Claude Jarman, another sophomore, batted in three runs in the Lipscomb game to give his teammates a 5-5 tie; Sambo Harwell, only a freshman, made a comeback after losing his first singles set to win the next two and then team with Jay Johns to trim Baylor's number two doubles team and thus give MBA the decision, 4-3.

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With the tennis team more than living up to pre-season expectations and the linksmen continuing to surprise everyone for their low scores, ardent Maroon supporters are looking for four championships in 1949-50—in football, basketball, golf, and tennis. Dominance in those last two sports would make this school year unquestionably the most successful, athletically speaking, yet; for, although flashy records have been amassed by MBA teams in past years, those records were made against considerably less competition than the Big Red has run up against this year.

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High Flying Tennis Squad Sails Into Biggest Net Test

Sporting a showy 8 and 0 record for the young tennis season, M.R.A.'s netters are today on an invasion of three tennis strongholds that will prove a real test for the mostly inexperienced Academy boys.

With only two returnees from last year's squad—Inman Fox and McDaniel—the Maroons face in quick succession: McCallie (Chattanooga), Thursday, April 27; Sambo Harwell (Nashville), the 28th; and Baylor (Chattanooga) the 29th. McCallie is said to have the number one net team of the South.

In matches to date M.R.A. has been pushed only by the Baylor squad, which came out on the short end of all three contests. Other Maroon wins include Darlington, Ryan, Vanderbilt Freshmen, Clarksville, Castle Heights, Hillsboro, and West.

Behind the tremendously improved Inman and Fontaine McDaniel has been a great team man, Sambo Harwell, in the No. 3 position. Rounding out the starters are Jay Johns (4), John Floyd Howell (5), and Bert Madden (6).

Sub-varsity prospects include Bill Ward, George Kirkpatrick, Martin Roberts, Jack Williams, Stan Sloan, and Eddie Littenhouse.

One of the surprises so far was the ease with which State Junior Champ Inman Fox romped over Mid-South runner-up Eddie Ragland of Castle Heights. Fox took Ragland in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0.

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Ryan Takes M.B.A. In Diamond Opener; Maroons Tie Lipscomb, Down Burros

Starting their season against experienced, hard-hitting Ryan after only a single day of practice, the Maroons found their inexperience disastrous as they succumbed 10-2. Charlie Hawkins, who pitched all seven innings for the Big Red, allowed only ten hits, but thirteen walks and shabby fielding (four errors) gave the Panthers four unearned runs. Inman Fox was also slugger Hawkins, as he slammed out a double and a single to lead the attack for MBA. The only other Maroon blows were Bill Bryan's single and Ray's home run.

As Billy Bryan and Claude Jarman led the way for MBA with a single and a double each, the Maroons and Lipscomb's Mustangs struggled to a 5-5 stalemate in a game called because of darkness. After a scoreless first, Ray and Charlie Hawkins, who relieved in the seventh, allowed only three hits while MBA was piling up eight, eight walks and four errors were costly. . . .

Remaining Baseball Schedule
April 29—Match ____ Morgan Park
May 5—Cohn _____ Thayer
May 6—Open _____ Thayer
May 9—Bellevue _____ Bellevue
May 12—West _____ Thayer
May 16—Cumberland _____ Centennial No. 2

After staggering through their first two games, rattling numerous free passes to first, the win-starved Maroons roused themselves and won their third game, 6-2, for their first victory of the season. Charlie Hawkins mowed down twelve Burros with strikeouts while walking only one, and the team had an errorless afternoon. Biggest blow of the afternoon was Ray's two-run homer, although Hawkins got two singles in three times at bat.

Golfers Surprise With Four Lop-Sided Wins

One of the top surprises this spring in prep school circles has been MBA's golf team, which, winning their four matches to date the linksmen have compiled a total of 32½ points against only 3½ for their opponents.

First team to fall was Hillsboro, 6-0; then DuPont in a close match, 3½-2½; next CMA in a slaughter, 17½-½; finally Cohn, 5½-½.

The five golfers on Coach Blackburn's laying his championship hopes are Morris Ferguson, Lem Stevens, Stanley Seat, Palmer Temple, and Allan Goar.

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The Sophomore Representative

MISS MADELINE REYNOLDS

The sophomore class proudly introduces its hazel-eyed, blonde representative for 1950—Miss Madeline Reynolds.

A Ward-Belmont sophomore, Madeline was born in Nashville February 3, 1930. She is a graduate of Palmer Grammar School.

Madeline maintains high averages in her studies. Her favorite subjects are French and Latin. She is a member of the Ecowash Club at W-E.

In her outside activities she enjoys tennis, swimming, and basketball. She devotes much of her time to the doings of the Kappa Delta Theta sorority in which she holds membership. Madeline also enjoys the outdoors and picnics.

She is a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church and lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reynolds, 16 Belvoir Drive.

Needless to say the sophomore class is fortunate to have such a lovely representative.

Next month the junior class will present its representative.

Key Clubbers Dig Deep To Give School Needed Sound Projector

After hocking Treasurer Robert McNeilly's diamond cuff links, the Academy Key Club recently presented the school with a new Bell and Howe sound projector. That was the club's main project for the year.

This projector replaces the school's much-used old one which has presented many football games and educational films to Academy students.

Meanwhile, finishing touches are being put on the composite of the '50 football team, the interscholastic champs. This Key Club sponsored project is the second football composite presented to the school.

A large framed picture of this team will hang near the two famous point-a-minute teams of the 1920's and last year's mid-state championship teams. Each member will be presented with a small composite as a memory of his teammates and the great games of '49.

A collection will be taken up in assembly to get McNeilly's cuff links out of hock.

JONES TO EDIT

(Continued from col. 5, page 1) less during football and basketball season.

Coming to M.B.A. from Woodmont, Jones was elected secretary-treasurer of his freshman class. During his sophomore year he served as Vice President of the Key Club, Bell Ringer, and annual.

Jones' selection was based on his hard work in the past on the Bell Ringer and his promise in the journalistic field. He is now working with the present editor to gain experience for next year.

Industrial Expert Thurman Sensing Contrasts Socialism, Free Enterprise

Bringing a world headache to M. B. A.'s doorstep, industrial adviser Thurman Sensing contrasted the socialistic and free enterprise systems for Academy boys, Friday, March 24.

A member of the Southern States Industrial Council, Mr. Sensing spoke from impressions gathered on a tour of socialist England and from extensive traveling through the South.

Backbone of the free enterprise system, said Mr. Sensing, is the kind of spirit seen in Texas. There a poor state has grown with its chief boost coming from size or resources, but from that independent, free enterprise spirit.

The present struggle, continued Mr. Sensing, is a test of an individual's power over the collectivism. "Man," he stated, "was created with two ends." Today those ends are all important, for "heads you win, tails you lose."

Driving to the basic purpose of the state, the industrial expert re-

echoed the democratic viewpoint that governments belong to the people, the people belong to the government. "The individual and life of the individual are the most important things in a democracy," he asserted.

On socialism as a break point, explained Mr. Sensing, is government financing, since all spending money for various "state" projects comes from the people's pockets—a relevant note, Sensing, he said, socialistically speaking, is like a transfusion in which the doctor takes blood from the patient's left arm, spins it around, and puts it back into the right arm.

In Britain, he recalled, conditions are worse than immediately after the war. From talks with numerous Britons he learned from interviews all over the country, Mr. Sensing doubted that England could last as a world power if socialism continued.

Socialism, he concluded, violates certain natural human principles and tends to kill ambition.

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